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FROM	Chief, ER		DATE 24 APR 1959
SUBJECT	MEMO/ZERBES/OPERATIONAL GOMACE - Anatole THIAKOV Proposed Activities		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	See paragraph 4		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED H.Q. DESK ONLY
REFERENCE(S)			

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter GOMACE sent to () indicating GOMACE's intention to engage in clandestine intelligence collection behind the Iron Curtain and in Western Europe (as he had before his emigration to Canada) using Canada as his base of operations. GOMACE specifically intends to establish contact with one Anatole THIAKOV whose place of residence is Vienna. Since THIAKOV is known to the Vienna Station as an intelligence personality who has been employed by various intelligence services (see EGW 26541, dated 23 November 1955) we feel that this information will be of interest to you.

2. For your information GOMACE was terminated by Project ZERBES/ER effective 31 March 1959. This notice of termination and his recognized leadership of the ER being effectively challenged by dissident members are the recent events which GOMACE refers to in the attached letter. We feel that GOMACE realizes that he is rapidly nearing the "end of the road" as the undisputed leader of the ER and, as such, has outlived his operational usefulness to KGB/ER. As a feeble attempt to restore this lost prestige he undoubtedly will throw caution and security to the wind in re-establishing dormant and dubious contacts for his "personal intelligence service". To preclude any possible embarrassment to KGB/ZERBES, and in the interest of Canadian Security, we have made this and additional information available to ER/6 who in turn will alert the Canadian Government of GOMACE's proposed intelligence activities. Our chief interest in this letter is to make certain that GOMACE's activities will be controlled by the Canadians. At ()'s forthcoming and final meeting with GOMACE a firm approach will be taken to discourage GOMACE from engaging in any independent intelligence activities for his personal benefit.

3. Without undertaking any special and time consuming effort on your part, we would be interested in receiving a report on Anatole THIAKOV's activity in the past two or three years as reflected in Station and liaison files. We would also appreciate receiving any pertinent information pertaining to the proposed GOMACE-THIAKOV activities which may be brought to your attention. and we have no objection to your alerting () on the possibility of such activity.

Attachment: Letter
Copy of EGW 26541
()
23 April 1959

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ATTACHMENT TO

27 March 1959

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I believe that the subject matter below will interest you.

What happens in our circles is most certainly known to the Communists. Possibly they believe I have been hurt (by recent events) and because of this I may be inclined to make compromises. In this connection it may be significant that today I received unexpectedly a letter from my "old friend", Anatole Tsanov, from Vienna. The letter was mailed in Salzburg on 19 March. The sender ~~has~~ indicated on the letterhead some kind of a commercial firm at the address of Tsankov in Vienna. Tsanov offers me joint commercial activity?!? Import Export, with good possibilities for profit.

All these questions are extremely interesting to me and I am of the opinion that I should resume my contact with Tsanov, particularly since he is approaching me, and since the results may be very interesting. Even though we are no longer working together I have not and will not cease my activity. Thus establishing a connection with Tsanov may be of value to my future work.

I ask you to inform me by the sixth of April whether or not you have any requirements in connection with a contact with Tsanov and whether or not you are interested in this problem. I am willing, regardless of the fact we are not working together, to help you out if this subject is of interest, without obligation on your part. If I don't hear from you by 6 April I will assume you are not interested and will act as I see fit with regard to the activity which I intend to continue.

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